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SUBJ: INDEPENDENT QUEBEC WOULD HAVE ITS OWN MONEY, ARMY

1. THE CANADIAN DOLLAR WILL NOT RPT NOT BE THE CURRENCY OF A SOVEREIGN QUEBEC, ACCORDING TO FINANCE MINISTER JACQUES PARIZEAU. HE SAID THE PQ'S ECONOMIC THEORETICIANS HAD DROPPED THE IDEA IN FAVOR OF A SEPARATE QUEBEC CURRENCY, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT COMPLETELY THE POSSIBILITY OF A MONETARY UNION WITH CANADA. PARIZEAU OBSERVED THAT IN THE EARLY 70S PQ THINKERS HAD NOT WANTED TO BUCK WHAT THEY PERCEIVED AS A TREND TOWARD MONETARY UNION AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, BUT THAT THE OIL CRISIS AND INFLATION HAD DISSIPATED THAT HOPE.

2. A FURTHER GLIMPSE AT THE SHAPE OF AN SOVEREIGN QUEBEC WAS PROVIDED YESTERDAY BY PM LEVESQUE, WHO SAID THAT AFTER INDEPENDENCE QUEBEC WOULD NEED "AT LEAST A SMALL ARMY" IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES SUCH AS A POLICE STRIKE. REPEATING A PROMISE HE MADE DURING LAST FALL'S CAMPAIGN, HE ADDED THAT A SOVEREIGN GOQ "WOULD NOT PUT MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AT VALCARTIER AND BAGOTVILLE OUT OF WORK SIMPLY TO SATISFY PACIFIST IDEALS."

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